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Identical letters dated 31 October 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, and further to my letters dated 26, 27, 28 and 30 October 2012 concerning violations committed by the armed terrorist groups after the General Command of the Syrian Army and Armed Forces had announced that in observation of Eid al-Adha it would suspend military operations between Friday, 26 October and Monday, 29 October 2012, I should like to draw to your attention the following:

Albeit the General Command of the Syrian Army and Armed Forces was fully committed to the suspension of military operations during Eid al-Adha, while reserving the right to respond under the circumstances that were set forth in the statement that it issued on 25 October 2012, the armed terrorist groups perpetrated a series of violations that targeted the Armed Forces and law enforcement forces, civilians, and public and private property, and were responsible for numerous terrorist explosions in several Syrian cities during the Eid al-Adha holiday. We detailed those violations in the letters that were referred to above.

Set forth below is the extent to which the armed groups in various parts of Syria complied with the suspension of military operations:

In Rif Dimashq governorate, in the cities of Qadsiya and Bludan and the surrounding areas, compliance was 100 per cent and no military operations were undertaken even after the end of the Eid al-Adha holiday.

In Dar'a governorate, compliance was 70 per cent. A terrorist explosion took place in the vicinity of the railway station and the mobile phone transmission station.

In Homs governorate, compliance was 40 per cent.

In Hama governorate, compliance was 100 per cent in the city of Hama and 40 per cent in the surrounding rural areas.

In Idlib governorate there was no compliance whatsoever: on the contrary, the armed terrorist groups in the governorate tightened their blockade of the two towns of Harim and Salqin and prevented the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Syrian Red Crescent from providing any humanitarian assistance.

In Aleppo governorate, compliance was 30 per cent.

In Dayr al-Zawr governorate, compliance was 50 per cent. A terrorist explosion took place beside the Syrian Church.

It should be noted that the leaders of the armed terrorist organizations inside and outside Syria issued statements in which they rejected the announcement of the suspension of military operations and said that they would not comply with it. That rejection was reflected on the ground: those groups carried out a series of violations after the announcement of the suspension of military operations. The United Nations should, therefore, hold them clearly and unequivocally responsible and accountable for their actions. We should also like to draw attention to the fact that certain well-known States have maintained their overt involvement in the shedding of Syrian blood and thwarted any movement towards finding a peaceful solution to the Syrian crisis. Those States have continued to encourage the armed groups to persist in their aforementioned violations, provided them with all types of support, and deliberately maintained a media blackout of their terrorist and criminal acts and the violations which they perpetrated after the announcement of the suspension of military operations during Eid al-Adha. Furthermore, rather than tell the truth, they have conveyed an inflammatory and deceptive picture of what is taking place in Syria.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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